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In 1954, approximately 640 chemists with university training were available to the East German chemical industry.¹ The value of the 1954 chemical production in East Germany was set at 6,300,000 DME. The new provisional production plan laid down for the period from 1955 to 1960 called for an increase of the chemical production to 10,700,000 DME by 1960. It was discovered that the facilities for the training of chemists at Halle, Leipzig, Berlin, Rostock, Greifswald, and Jena Universities and the Dresden Institute of Technology were not adequate for the necessary training of the increased number of chemists required. Some of the chemical institutes of these universities were still not restored and others were too small. The chemical institutes of Halle and Leipzig, which had been enlarged, were used mainly for the training of future high school teachers and agricultural advisors. In order to remedy the situation, the East German Council of Ministers, in March 1954, resolved to establish an institute of technology for the study of chemistry at Leuna-Merseburg. A sum of 3,500,000 DME was allotted in 1954 for the construction of an institute of inorganic chemistry and student dormitories. Total costs for the institute were estimated at about 15,000,000 DME. It was believed that 3,000,000 DME will be allotted for the project in 1955.

Comment. Inasmuch as no exact date for this figure was given, it is not known whether the 640 chemists included the spring 1954 university graduates or not.

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